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Mr. Kome Ajise Chief Deputy Director California Department of Transportation 1120 N Street MS 49 Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: California Sustainable Freight Action Plan

Dear Mr. Ajise:

The County of San Diego (County) understands that Governor Brown's Executive Order B-32-15 directed the Secretaries of the California Transportation Agency, California Environmental Protection Agency and California Natural Resources Agency to lead the California Air Resources Board, California Department of Transportation, Governor's Office of Business and Economic Development, and California Energy Commission in the development of a California Sustainable Freight Action Plan (Plan). On behalf of the County, I am writing to express opposition to increases in truck size or weight limits.

Given the volume of truck traffic in San Diego County, the safety risks associated with oversized vehicles could prove costly to the residents of our region. Bigger and heavier vehicles are more difficult to control, require additional braking distance, and have a higher rollover potential. Increasing the maximum truck weight could also accelerate the deterioration of our roads and bridges at a time when all levels of government are struggling to maintain infrastructure to a state of good repair.

As the Sustainable Freight Action Plan is developed, the County urges all of the Agencies and Departments involved to reject any increases in truck size or weight limits. Thank you for your consideration, and please do not hesitate to contact the County if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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